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SUBJECT: BURDEN-SHARING

1. IN DISCUSSION OF BURDEN-SHARING AT PERMREPS LUNCH
OCTOBER 23, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE SAID HE WAS PUSHING
GOB TO COME UP WITH A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. THERE WERE TWO
PROBLEMS, HOWEVER: (A) THE BILATERAL OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRG HAD NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED; (B)
THE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRG AS TO WHAT PORTION OF
U.S. BOP COSTS THE FRG WAS OFFSETTING.

2. ON THE FIRST POINT, I SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE
U.S. AND FRG WERE PROCEEDING. TO SUGGEST THAT NATO COULD NOT
PROCEED MULTILATERALLY UNTIL THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE
COMPLETED WOULD BE TO SUGGEST THAT THE ALLIES COULD DO
NOTHING UNTIL THEY COULD DO EVERYTHING.

3. AS TO THE SECOND POINT, I SAID TO MY KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS
NO DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRG AS TO THE FACTS--
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THE NUMBERS--OF WHAT WAS BEING DONE; THERE WAS A QUESTION AS TO
INTERPRETATION AND HOW THE NUMBERS SHOULD BE CHARACTERIZED.

4. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT HE WOULD POSE THESE QUESTIONS IN

COUNCIL OCTOBER 24. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE
ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR GUIDANCE AVAILABLE.
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